Statement-II

Names of new cities proposed to be covered under CGHS during the Tenth five year plan

1. Jammu
2. Jodhpur
3. Vishakhapatnam
4. Varanasi
5. Vijaywada
6. Jamshedpur
7. Aurangabad
8. Indore
9. Vadodara
10. Ernakulam
11. Bokaro
12. Sonepat
13. Guntur

Quality health treatment

585. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of patients who came to India for treatment during the last four years, year-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that India is offering quality health treatment at a very less/cheap rate as compared to other countries of the world;

(c) if so, the plans Government have to capitalize on this in attracting more and more patients from other countries;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the Middle-East is showing very keen interest to collaborate with Indian companies and with others who are in the health care delivery system in India; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) This information is not maintained Centrally.

(b) Yes, India is offering quality medical treatment at a cost much lower than that of other countries of the world, particularly in the field of cardiology, cardiac surgery, joint replacement, ophthalmology, oncology, pathology, Indian system of medicines etc.

(c) The Government of India has constituted a task force in January, 2004 to promote India as a health destination for persons across the globe so as to gainfully utilize the health care expertise and infrastructure available in the country.

(d) and (e) Countries from the Middle-East are keenly looking to collaborate with Indian companies in the health care sector as India is favourable placed in terms of logistics and the cost competitiveness in health care.

Indian hospitals in the private sector like Wockhardt and Apollo are looking to set-up tele-medicine units, hospitals and clinics in Middle-East countries as well as are contemplating patients transfer from Middle-East to Mumbai and Bangalore.

Miserable condition of patients in AIIMS

†586. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the condition of the patients in new emergency ward of AIIMS is miserable and there is only one X-Ray machine which remains available for one or two days only;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there is shortage of blankets and bed-sheets and the condition of stretchers is very bad;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken to solve these problems so that better services could be provided to the patients?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) No, Sir. The new emergency ward at AIIMS is fully functional. It has a total of 60 beds and at any given time about 6-8 doctors, 8-12 nurses and all required

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.